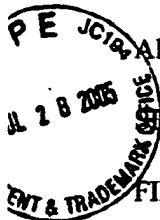


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Examiner stated that the "fluid-filled container" was not shown in the drawings. Applicant notes that Figure 9 clearly shows the "fluid-filled container" as reference numeral 130. Additionally, an enabling discussion of this feature and the subject matter of Claims 16-17 is included in Paragraphs [0094] to [0095].

Based upon the foregoing analysis, Applicant contends that independent Claim 1 and Claim 21 are now in proper condition for allowance. Additionally, those claims which are dependent upon the independent Claims 1 and 21, namely Claims 2-12, 14-20, and 22-29, should also be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections of the claims in the form of the present amended claims and allowance of the claims at an early date is earnestly solicited. Since new claims have been added beyond those originally paid for, the additional claim fees can be charged to Deposit Account 080879. The extension of time fee is enclosed.

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(Column 1)

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FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	20 minus 20 =	0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1 minus 3 =	0
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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(Column 2)

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(Column 1)

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OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

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TOTAL	385

RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	770.00
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TOTAL	

SMALL ENTITY OR

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

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TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

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